



MEMORANDUM

TO: Kindergarten – Grade 3

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SUBJECT: Indiana Teacher Reading Academy Training Dates for 2009-2010

2009 – 2010 Indiana Teacher Reading Academy Schedule

In 2007 the Indiana General Assembly passed legislation, P.L. 234-2007, Section 9 that required the State Board of Education to support Indiana educators in providing child-centered, learning- focused programs in the early grades. The statute identifies the following as vital components of effective learning programs:

- scientifically proven methods of teaching reading;
- the use of data to guide instruction; and
- the use of age appropriate literacy assessments.

To meet this charge, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) and the Indiana Educational Service Centers (ESC) have developed the Indiana Teacher Reading Academy (ITRA) to introduce Indiana educators to Scientifically Based Reading Instruction (SBRI) concepts and practices for K-3 educators. This opportunity will allow the IDOE to deliver its newly established vision and plan to ITRA participants throughout the state. The ITRA training aligns with the state goal to insure that 90% of Indiana students pass ISTEP+ in English/Language Arts and introduces participants statewide to IDOE's vision and plan.

The National Reading Panel Report in 2000 led the way for the implementation of SBRI programs across the country. Indiana schools which have faithfully implemented SBRI-based reading programs have seen dramatic gains in their students' reading progress.

The ITRA has been designed to meet the needs of teachers in each of the early grades. Academy participants will spend most of their time with same-grade level colleagues focused on the elements of SBRI that apply directly to their students. Participants will leave with a firm overview of SBRI theory and practice. The materials provided will serve as a valuable resource as teachers move to implement SBRI-based reading programs.

The ITRA will be presented at the ESCs statewide and may be applied to any reading program. The Academy is intended for reading instructors grades K-3, administrators, reading specialists, special educators and all educators who plan and implement early reading instruction. **All** participants will learn about the following:

- Scientifically Based Reading Research (SBRR) and Scientifically Based Reading Instruction (SBRI)
- The five components of reading instruction
 - Phonemic Awareness
 - Phonics
 - Vocabulary
 - Fluency
 - Comprehension
- Assessment and how assessment data can be organized to drive instructional decisions
- State standards
- Classroom management and organization of SBRI classrooms
- The Three Tier model of intervention

2009-2010 ITRA Schedule at Indiana Education Service Centers

Region 1 – Southern Indiana ESC – November 18-19, 2009

Region 2 – Wilson Education Center – December 7-8, 2009 and February 10-11, 2010

Region 3 – West Central ESC – November 3–4, 2009 (K-1) and November 11-12, 2009 (2-3)

Region 4 – East Central ESC – November 4–5, 2009 (K-1) and December 15-16, 2009 (2-3)

Region 5 – Wabash Valley ESC – January 13 and 26, 2010 (2-3) and February 10 and 24, 2010 (K-1)

Region 6 – Northwest Indiana ESC - January 16, 2010, February 18, 2010, March 4, 2010, and March 11, 2010 (evenings)

Region 7 – Northern Indiana ESC – November 19, 2009, February 16-17, 2010 and June 14–17, 2010

Region 8 – Region 8 ESC – November 11-13, 2009 (evenings) and January 18-19, 2010

Region 9 – Central Indiana ESC – November 16-17, 2009 and March 22-23, 2010

Please contact your local ESC for any additional questions.